Housing.

* 745 [31] **Shri Ganapathy :** Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to answer the following question :

What has become of the steps that the Government proposed to take to acquire about 500 acres of land from the K. D. H. P. Company ? If so, why was it not distributed so far to the houseless poor and Harijans ?

Minister for Revenue **(Shri A. Chidambaranatha Nadar) :** Necessary action is being taken to acquire the land.

Land to the Poor.

* 746 [33] **Shri S. G. Deviappan :** Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :

(*a*) What has become of the scheme for the grant of lands to the landless Harijans in Devicolam and Peermade Taluks ; and

(*b*) When ? and within what period ?

Minister for Revenue **(Shri A. Chidambaranatha Nadar) :**

(*a*) Action is being taken.

(*b*) It will be completed as early as possible.

Starred question posted for answer on 20-3-1953.

Pumps in the Electrical Department.

* 747 [19] **Shri O. C. Ninan :** Will the Minister for Works and Transport be pleased to state :

(*a*) what is the total number of pumps in the possession of the Electrical Department ;

(*b*) how many of them have been used in 1952 ;

(*c*) On what condition ;

(*d*) what is the cost and the return ; and

(*e*) how many of them are serviceable now ?

Minister for Works and Transport **(Shri Kalathil Velayudhan Nair) :**

(*a*) 88 Nos. excluding those used for Project works.

(*b*) 16 Nos.

(*c*) Some pumps were issued to private parties on hire or hire-purchase terms.

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